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Several State Sites Reopen for Memorial Day Holiday Weekend

SPRINGFIELD, IL – The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) today announced that several state sites in southern Illinois that had been closed due to flooding are open or will reopen to visitors in time for the upcoming Memorial Day holiday weekend.

“IDNR staff worked long and hard to get these sites back open after unprecedented flooding this spring. I would like to commend them for all their work and invite visitors to come out to enjoy Illinois’ state parks this Memorial Day weekend,” IDNR Director Marc Miller said.

- ✓ Portions of Fort Massac State Park (Massac Co.) reopened to the public this week, including the visitor center, museum and the 1802 American fort. The park’s shelter, day use picnic area along Highway 45, trout pond, old fairgrounds shelter and playground will reopen Friday, May 27. The shower building, campground, hiking trails, boat ramp and lower day use area on the Ohio River front remain closed.
- ✓ Facilities at Wayne Fitzgerald State Recreation Area (Franklin Co.) are open, except for the primitive tent camping area, which remains closed.
- ✓ Portions of Horseshoe Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area (Alexander Co.) are open to the public. The lake is open for fishing, along with four boat ramps. Two pavilion areas are also open; however the privies and campgrounds remain closed.
- ✓ Tunnel Hill State Trail (Johnson Co.) reopened earlier this week.
- ✓ Golconda Marina State Recreation Area (Pope Co.) will be open to boaters for the Memorial Day weekend.
- ✓ Most of the Cache River State Natural Area (Johnson Co.) has also reopened. The Section 8 Woods Nature Preserve Boardwalk remains closed.

For updates on other park closures, please visit the IDNR website at www.dnr.illinois.gov. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to the appropriate park office before traveling to check current weather conditions and accessibility.

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